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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/722,500 |
| Filing Date | November 28, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | MICHAEL STUMM, ET AL. |
| Group Art Unit | 2642 |
| Examiner Name | Q.H. Nguyen |
| Attorney Docket Number | 213222.00016 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously fax filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: RCE Response

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1710
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed 10/04/2004 SSESHE1 00000013 501710 09722500
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA

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| Name (Print/Type) | Richard P. Bauer | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 31,588 |
| Signature | | Date | October 1, 2004 |

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RCE RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for filing the Appeal Brief to October 13, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account 50-1710 \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required, and any overpayments should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

In response to the January 13, 2004 final Office Action, please enter the following amendments.

I. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

II. Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.